

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: The Dennis Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: South of U.S. 40, 1/4 mile east of St. Paul's Church Road, approximately				
CITY OR TOWN: 2-1/2 miles east of Clear Spring				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Charles E. Dennis (Mrs. Hazel M.)				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 3				
CITY OR TOWN: Smithsburg		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 103/252				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ Excellent☐ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This dwelling house is a secondary building in an agricultural complex known as the "Dennis Farm." The property is located south of U.S. Route 40, 1/4 mile east of St. Paul's Church Road, 2-1/2 miles east of Clear Spring. The main dwelling is of brick and is described in form WA V-025.

This structure consists of two sections which appear from the exterior to have been built separately. The sections are attached on an axis forming one long structure. Situated near a spring and small stream, the Meadow Brook, the house faces east. The south section of the house contains one and a half stories, while the north part consists of two full stories. The facade of each section is four bays in length with two central doors flanked by a window at the main floor.

The exterior of the structure is of buff siding with dark green trim. The weather boarding could conceal log construction in one or both sections. The house is set on foundations which are of local fieldstone. Two brick chimneys with corbeled caps are internally placed at the south gable end of each section. The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal.

The doors and windows are framed with plain but rather wide trim. Architrave molding is present at the lintels of all windows except those at the second floor of the one and a half story section. All windows excepting the small three over three double sashes at the second floor of the one and a half story section are double sashes with six lights per sash.

Both sections of the structure share a one-story porch with a low hipped roof. It is supported by plain square posts and covers all of the doorways at the front of the house.

It is not known when this structure was built but it is probably contemporary with the other buildings on the property which date from the mid-19th century. The south section of the dwelling reportedly has a spring in its basement and may be the older of the two parts.

The house is being preserved and is in no immediate danger of destruction.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginol | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant architecturally as a part of a complex of well preserved buildings. In addition to this structure, there is a lattice work brick-end bank barn, a spring house and a large brick dwelling house of a type frequently found in the area. All of the buildings are being maintained and preserved by the owner. They are a complete, unaltered and well cared for example of rural architecture of the mid-19th century.

The small weather board tenant house is particularly significant as an example of secondary housing of the period. The presence of so many doors suggests that it was intended to be a multi-unit dwelling which was probably constructed to house farm workers.

Secondary buildings such as this one could show influences of early building types based on antiquated traditional patterns rather than on the styles that were current when the structure was constructed. While more prominent structures such as the main dwelling house on the property tended to follow contemporary styles, secondary buildings would have been more likely to have reflected traditional patterns which were not so new or fashionable but were well known and easily constructed. Thus the house appears older than it probably is.

The farm has been in the Dennis family since 1895 when it was purchased by Tobias Dennis.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 120.41 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE June, 1973
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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